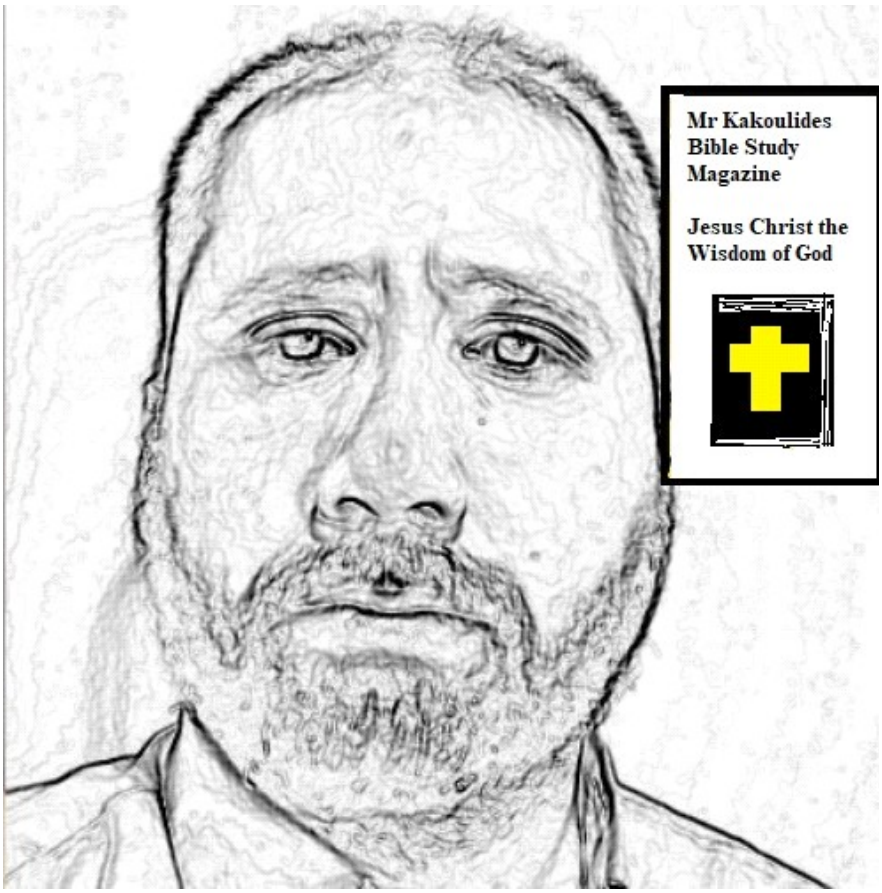

(1 Corinthians 1:30) But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God--and righteousness and sanctification and redemption-- (NKJV)

I never sat down to really think of what does it mean that Jesus Christ is the wisdom of God till now .

The Greek word for wisdom which is used in 1 Corinthians 1:30 is σοφία (sofia) which means in this passage in general knowledge which is differant from that of the wisdom in Luke 1:17 which is φρόνησις (fronēsis) which involves wisdom in practise .

(Luke 1:17) "He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (NKJV)

What Paul is stating in this verse of 1 Corinthians 1:30 is that there is no other way to know God except through the person of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of John states in Chapter 1 the following :

(John 1:18) No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him. (NKJV)

Declare here in the Greek is ἐξηγέομαι (exēgeomai) and it means to make known , to tell , to describe .

The New Testament tells us that we do not know the Father in our fallen degenerated state of mind. He can only be seen through the Son. Jesus reply to those who ask to see the Father is " you behold me , you are seeing my Father ."

(John 8:19) Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also." (NKJV)

(John 12:45) "And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me. (NKJV)

(John 14:7-10) "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. (NKJV)

The Father is invisible and as invisible could only be seen through his son.

(Colossians 1:15) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. (NKJV)

The works of the Son of those of the Father being done through him .

(John 10:25) Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. (NKJV)

(John 10:32) Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you from My Father. For which of those works do you stone Me?" (NKJV)

(John 10:37-38) "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; "but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him." (NKJV)

There is a inseparable union where The Father reveals the Son and the Son reveals the Father to the believer

(Matthew 11:27) "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. (NKJV)

(Matthew 16:15-17) He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. (NKJV)

(Luke 10:22) "All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him." (NKJV)

(John 6:44-46) "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. "It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. "Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. (NKJV)

(John 6:65) And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." (NKJV)

To believe in the Son is to believe in the Father and to reject the Son is to reject the Father.

(Matthew 10:40) "He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. (NKJV)

(John 12:44) Then Jesus cried out and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. (NKJV)

(John 13:20) "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." (NKJV)

(Luke 10:16) "He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me." (NKJV)

It is in knowing God that one gets everlasting life.

(John 17:3) "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (NKJV)

And as we see it is inseparable with knowing Jesus Christ. This is why John could state in his Epistles he who has the Son has the Father and life

(1 John 2:23-24) Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also. Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. (NKJV)

(1 John 4:15) Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (NKJV)

(1 John 5:12) He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. (NKJV)

(2 John 1:9) Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. (NKJV)

Some might asume that we are teaching that the Father and the Son are the same person but Just differt modes (other name of this doctrine is called monotheism which was suported by Sabellius , Callistus and Praxeas which the early church leaders spoke against) which we are not teaching such things but only what we could find in the Bible is far from their Heresy. Examples of what they taught:

Tertullian 160 to 230 AD states on Praxeas in Against Praxeas chapter 1 {" He says that the Father Himself came down into the Virgin, was Himself born of her, Himself suffered, indeed was Himself Jesus Christ."}

Gregory Thaumaturgus 205 to 265 AD Part 2 from his Dubious or Spurious writtings (which means it might not of been of Georgory himself but some one else) states {"Wherefore we clear ourselves of Sabellius, who says that the Father and the Son are the same. For he holds that the Father is He who speaks, and that the Son is the Word that abides in the Father, and becomes manifest at the time of the creation, and thereafter reverts to God on the fulfilling of all things. The same affirmation he makes also of the Spirit."}

Hippolytus 170 -236 AD states in The Refutation of all Heresies

Book 9 chapter 6 {"But Callistus perverted Sabellius himself, and this, too, though he had the ability of rectifying this heretic's error."}

Book 9 Chapter 7 {"Callistus alleges that the Logos Himself is Son, and that Himself is Father; and that though denominated by a different title, yet that in reality He is one indivisible spirit. And he maintains that the Father is not one person and the Son another, but that they are one and the same; and that all things are full of the Divine Spirit, both those above and those below. And he affirms that the Spirit, which became incarnate in the virgin, is not different from the Father, but one and the same. And he adds, that this is what has been declared by the Savior: "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me?" "}

The Bible is very clear that Jesus is not the Father. We can qoute verses after verses which is clear from scripture that Jesus is not the Father .

A) Jesus calls the Father a other wittness to himself

(John 8:16-18) "And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me. "It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. "I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me." (NKJV)

B) Jesus states the Father is greater than himself

(John 14:28) "You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. (NKJV)

C) Jesus prays to the Father to send the Holy Spirit

(John 14:16) "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- (NKJV)

D) Jesus states the Father is the only one who knows the Son's return

(Mark 13:32) "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but

only the Father. (NKJV)

E) The Father and The Son does have the same name

(John 5:43) "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive. (NKJV)

Just from these verses alone , it is very clear the Father and the Son are not the same person athough they hold a inseparable union and essence which is the nature of God

(Philippians 2:6) Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, (NIV)

In Jesus we see the fullfillment of the Old Testament where it states of 7 women taking hold of one man because they want to be called by his name

(Isaiah 4:1) And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, "We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel; Only let us be called by your name, To take away our reproach." (NKJV)

And In Jesus we see of Ten men of the nations grasping the sleeve of a Jewish man so he could take them to God

(Zechariah 8:23) "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."'" (NKJV)

What is so special about this man that God would make him more precious Gold ?

(Isaiah 13:12) I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. (NKJV)

The answer is simple because He is the only way one can know God because he is God in himself who made himself flesh

(John 1:1-3) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. (NKJV)

(John 1:14) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. (NKJV)

(Philippians 2:6-7) who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. (NKJV)

(Hebrews 1:8) But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your Kingdom. (NKJV)

It is not my purpose in this paper to write about the Trinity or the deity of Christ but the wisdom of God which could only be found in Jesus. But one can not help but to write about it as one covers a topic of Knowing God .